

5. Wildfire Mitigation Plan Maintenance

This plan maintenance will be directed by the Franklin County Commissioners, and coordinated with the Franklin County Disaster Services Specialist and the Franklin County Fire District. In addition, participation will be needed by various positions represented in the Franklin County Wildland Fire Mitigation Group, coupled with public input.

Proposed mitigation plan maintenance will be an annual plan review, bi-annual re-evaluation of priorities for action items and progress, with a total review every five years. Annual review of the mitigation recommendations will be necessary as various projects or tasks are accomplished and areas at-risk decline. Annual review will also be needed as County infrastructure needs change or are met and should include representation of stakeholders who participated in the development of the plan being reviewed. The inclusions of Federal and State Land managers will assist in the initiation of planning procedures for identified mitigation projects and to update or modify mitigation actions or recommendations.

A total plan review every 5 years (2009, 2013, etc.) is recommended as Franklin County infrastructure needs change, specifically: population increases, fuel reduction projects are completed, emergency services are provided in outlying areas, and computer support needs are met or increased and areas of extreme wildfire hazard decline or increase.

5.1 Continued public involvement

The continued involvement of the public for the Franklin County Wildland Fire Mitigation Plan is needed to accomplish many of the recommendations.

Establishment of Emergency Action Plans for land developments and communities will require continued involvement. FCFD needs to provide input to the plan and feedback to the Fire Commissioners, County Commissioners, and municipalities. Continued involvement by the FCFD, Sheriff, Commissioners, stakeholders, cooperators, land managers, and citizens will occur as mitigation actions are addressed and the plan is reviewed.

Copies of the plan will be available at the FCFD and County Court House. Annual review and mitigation priority assessment by FCFD Commissions, Sheriff, and Disaster Services will provide information to and create involvement by numerous residents of Franklin County.